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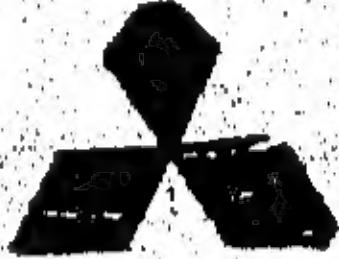
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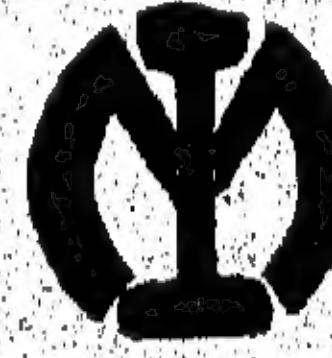
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HONGKONG, MARCH 22ND, 1912.

The disturbed conditions in China during the last six months must inevitably have a most serious effect upon the rice market. In the local markets, prices are about a dollar and a half a picul higher than they were last year for ordinary qualities of imported rice, while for the superior qualities the difference is very much more striking. In the review of last year's trade given by the Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the annual meeting of shareholders recently, it was mentioned that the export fell off by about 400,000 tons in each of the two great rice-producing countries of Asia—Cochin-China and Siam, the crop last year having been very poor. Mr. MEDHURST also stated that the abnormally high level to which the price of rice rose in consequence of these enormous shortages proved a strong temptation to producers to dispose of all available stocks. The Government of Cochin-China was obliged in the interests of the local population to prohibit the export of rice, except such as was necessary to complete bona-fide outstanding contracts, and that prohibition was not raised until the beginning of February. According to a report by the British Consul at Bangkok, the crop in Siam for 1911-12 fell short of the average output of recent years by fully 30 per cent. below the record of the preceding year, when over one million tons of rice were exported. As a result of the shortage of the crop, prices

Siam has decided to adopt the Metric system of weights and measures.

The Directors of the Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd., propose a dividend of 3 per cent. for the year 1911 as compared with 2½ per cent. paid in 1910.

The Naval Association in Nanking has sent a Chinese telegram to President Yuan Shih-kai, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Vice-President Li Yuan-hung, the Assembly, the Cabinet and the provincial governments, recommending the late Admiral Sab for service and explaining his attitude.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COAL STRIKE.

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

LONDON, March 21st.
The week's decrease in traffic on the railways amounted to £671,000, the decrease on the North-Eastern being £28,000; Midland, £83,000; and London and North-West, £282,000.

Several prominent lines are experiencing with oil fuel.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

A settlement of the immediate crisis is regarded as more hopeful. The employers believe that the men will resume work, but there is no guarantee against a fresh strike. The Yorkshire miners are preparing for an immediate return to work, while the Scottish miners have been warned to hold themselves in readiness to resume work on Monday. The Sanquhar pits have re-opened.

LATER.

SITUATION AGAIN COMPLICATED.
The decision of the Miners' Federation to-night has again complicated the situation. The Federation insists upon a minimum of 5/- per day for all adult workers except piece-workers and 2/- a day for boys.

OPPOSITION TO MINIMUM WAGE BILL.

The Unionist leaders have given notice of their intention to move the rejection of the Minimum Wage Bill. Mr. Balfour will move this. It is regarded, however, more as a demonstration of protest rather than an indication of their determination to wreck the Bill, which it is still thought, will pass.

The attitude of the Miners' Federation is causing grave anxiety to Ministerialists regarding the fate of the Bill. The Federation says the Bill must contain the schedule rates for hewers in each district, and call upon the Labour Party to amend the Bill in this direction.

Miners' leaders on being interviewed afterwards described the position as even more complicated than it was a fortnight ago, and declare that "nothing will induce us to give way."

LATER.

Whatever the fate of the Minimum Wage Bill the question of the termination of the strike depends upon the Miners' Federation, whose resolution regarding the minimum wages was carried by the Scot-Welsh coalition, the majority being only twelve.

The Labour Party have agreed to move corresponding amendments in the House of Commons.

DELICATE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The coal-owners at their meeting yesterday decided to insist upon drastic amendments. This, together with the new attitude of the Opposition, is expected to prolong the proceedings over the Bill. It is recognised that the position of the Government is most perplexing. Some Unionists forecast a Unionist and Liberal coalition against the Bill, which if not withdrawn the Bill may be passed by a small majority only, justifying its rejection by the House of Lords and the consequent downfall of the Government.

The instructions of the Federation to the districts indicate that in the best circumstances the strike will continue at least a fortnight. A prominent leader is quoted as saying that they reminded the Government that sixty-six Radical seats, including those of seven Ministers, depended upon the goodwill of the Federation.

DRAMATIC RE-APPEARANCE OF MR. BALFOUR.

Mr. Balfour's re-appearance has added to the political importance of the industrial crisis. It was decided at a meeting of Unionists, including Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Walter Long, and Mr. F. E. Smith, that apparently after the resolution of the Miners' Federation, whose attitude was regarded as justifying the Opposition contention, the Bill was now futile.

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS IMMINENT.

The Daily Mail says that if the Government are defeated the Unionists are prepared to take up office and a general election will follow immediately.

As a result the Liberal papers admit that the position is fraught with peril to the existence of the Government. They suggest that the situation may be saved by the Government accepting the 5/- and 2/- minimum and definite safeguards against slackening, but they do not dispel their fears that the re-appearance of Mr. Balfour means that the House of Lords will be directed to reject the Bill, making a constitutional crisis inevitable.

The King has postponed his visit to Dartmouth and will remain in London in close touch with the situation.

Sir Rufus Isaacs, when speaking on the Minimum Wage and Insurance Bills at Hoxton, was bowled over.

GROWING DISTRESS.

The distress in the country is rapidly increasing. The Government has issued circulars to Board of Guardians, and Education Committees on the question of relief.

A body of hunger-marchers at Grimsby yesterday presented so pitiable an appearance that the Chief Constable immediately distributed a large quantity of food and tea.

It is estimated that up till now £818,000 has been disbursed by the trade unions during the strike in unemployed pay.

AMERICAN MINERS ALSO DEMAND ADVANCE.

The Cleveland and Ohio bituminous coal-owners have rejected the demand of the miners for an advance in wages, and a strike of half-a-million miners is threatened by the 1st of April.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH NAVY ESTIMATES.

IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

RECIPROCAL NAVAL INFORMATION FROM GERMANY.

LONDON, March 21st.

In the debate in the House of Commons on the Navy Estimates,

Mr. J. Murray Macdonald, Liberal M.P. for Falkirk Burghs, urged that it would be quite safe to reduce the Navy, as the German Government's main argument to induce the people to accept the additional burdens was based on what Great Britain was doing.

The Right Hon. Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, pointed out that the reply to the invitation conveyed in the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's prolonged restraint in naval construction was not a slackening but a doubling in the rate of German construction.

He did not believe that such restraint would now break the spell, but he hoped that the moderate though sufficient standard which the Government had set up as a guide and an indication would remove uncertainty from our naval policy and avoid the yearly necessity of prolonged and heated debates in which all sorts of references had to be made to the building of other Powers. He was sure that did no good. Negotiations had been progressing for some time with Germany for an exchange of naval information and he would be most glad if they reached a satisfactory conclusion.

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RAILWAYMEN'S DEMANDS.

LONDON, March 21st.

The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants announce that they intend to submit a new national programme to the Railway Companies in May. The programme will include a demand for a 25/- a week minimum wage for all adults.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

LONDON, March 21st.

The Women's Enfranchisement Bill will be taken in the House of Commons on the 28th instant.

PEACE IN PERSIA.

LONDON, March 21st.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg telegraphs that Persia has replied to the Anglo-Russian Note which offered an advance of £200,000 to Persia at seven per cent. on certain conditions. The reply is satisfactory at all points.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

LONDON, March 21st.

Mr. La Follette, the insurgent Republican, has defeated Mr. Roosevelt in the presidential primaries at Dakota.

CHINA'S SILVER REQUIREMENTS.

STEADY RISE IN SILVER EXPECTED

The writer of "The Week's Finance" in the N. C. Daily News says:

With the revival of trade, especially of imports, funds are coming into Shanghai and the money market grows proportionately easier. The funds available for circulation have vastly increased, and this, added to the reviving confidence, allows quite a sufficient amount for the needs of trade in ordinary circumstances. Of course, the revival of export trade will prove a counteracting influence; but it must be understood that before export trade can get into full swing the import trade should have considerably improved.

For a time at least, however large the exports may be, the imports will counterbalance them, and so far as the need of money is concerned, it is probable that exports and imports will balance each other. The funds, however, available for circulation, although they may be sufficient for the purposes of trade, are not what they ought to be, in view of the payments now being made to the Chinese Government. As has been stated in these columns on a previous occasion, an average of £1,000,000 will have to be paid to the Government for a period of six months, besides payments on the Currency, and possibly some other loan, the flotation of which this year is very probable.

The payments for these loans will mostly be in silver, and consequently China will have to buy silver from abroad. In the ordinary railway loans to China the greater part of the loan goes to buy materials in gold-using countries and consequently the effect of such loans on the silver market is not very appreciable. But as the loans to China at present, and for some time to come, are toward expenditure in the country, it only stands to reason that the demand for silver will be considerable, and will help to maintain silver prices.

Thus, apart from the Indian factor, the situation in China has proved a source of great strength to silver. The position in India is growing acute, and while the gold reserve is increasing week by week the silver reserve is falling correspondingly. It must be remembered that the four months from January are usually the time when silver flows back into the treasury in the shape of taxes, and it is an astonishing fact that after a two years' struggle in order to stop laying silver for coining, an enormous decrease in the silver reserves should have occurred during these months. Such a position cannot continue long, as after all India is mainly a silver using country, and unless something untoward in the shape of a miracle happens there is every reason to believe in a steady rise in silver for the next few months.

LOANS TO CHINA.

BY FRANCO-BELGIAN AND BRITISH BANKERS.

The Peking correspondent of the N. C. Daily News telegraphed on the 15th inst. as follows:

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SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF "THE GONDOLIERS."

Some few months ago the Colony was perturbed by the announcement that the fate of the Amateur Dramatic Club actually hung in the balance, that it was a serious question whether it should or should not continue to exist, but, happily, it was decided that the public appreciation of the Club and its performances warranted its existence, and the wisdom of that decision will doubtless be endorsed by all who see the production of "The Gondoliers." At the outset it should be stated that the production is worthy of the A.D.C. It maintains the standard so long set and so admirably sustained by our Hongkong amateurs, whose performances at times would not have been discredit able to professional artists, and last night's performance was as brilliant as any under the same auspices. Nervousness might have been expected in some instances, but none was shown, and every artist acquitted himself and herself on the stage as to the manner born.

"The Gondoliers," as is well known, is one of Gilbert and Sullivan's brightest operas. It perhaps represents rather an ambitious undertaking for amateurs, and especially amateurs so far removed from professional assistance, but the selection is justified already on the opening performance. It went very smoothly indeed, and the audience being sympathetic and indulgent, as they should be when witnessing such productions, found interest and pleasure in the efforts of those on the stage. The choral work, with few exceptions, was admirably carried out, and the solo and other parts were well undertaken by the various individuals to whom they were entrusted.

When the curtain rose in the Theatre Royal last night the large gathering was delighted with the beautiful scene which met their gaze, and the pleasant impressions thus created were deepened with the fine rendering of the opening chorus. Then the audience settled down to enjoy the production, and those who were not under the influence of the Lang-Holloway combination could not fail to appreciate the work of the amateurs.

Having said that the general effect of the production was good, this notice would be incomplete were not some reference made to the principals. Messrs. G. P. Lammer and Bertram Webb as Marco Palmeiri and Giuseppe Palmeiri, respectively, the two handsome gondoliers, who appear amidst a bevy of beautiful maidens twining roses from whom they are going to choose their brides, certainly carry off the honours. They acted their parts with a naturalness and unaffectedness which were in the highest degree artistic, and their vocal work was not less successful than the strictly historical. They were supported in their roles by Mrs. Hunter as Gianetta and Miss Hilda Gordon as Tessa, the former being particularly vivacious and vigorous, and the latter using her fine voice to perfection in the several quartettes, duets, and solos which fell to her lot. As the Grand Inquisitor Mr. M. D. Silas was well suited, and the greater credit attaches to his performance in that he stepped into the breach at very short notice, having only had four rehearsals of his important part. Casilda was sweetly portrayed by Mrs. Schofield, who with her husband, Dr. Schofield (Luiz) sang several pretty duets and had to respond to encores. The other parts were in capable hands. A pretty feature of the production was the dancing in which a number of young ladies take part, the principals being Misses Main, Robson and Chunyut. The scenery was very effective, and the costumes were very dainty. Mr. Denman Fuller is to be congratulated on having his forces so well in hand, and his special orchestration of the piece was highly appreciated by the music loving.

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Gondoliers, Men-at-Arms, Contadine, etc., etc.:—Mesdames Hollingsworth, Robertson, Jones, Quinn, Head, Young, Pellow, Weston, Kew, Platt; Misses Main, Boannas, Chunyut, Robson, Hake, Benbow, Schmidt; Messrs. Biden, Parker, Darby, Wood, McNulty, Chapman, Platt, Bullock, Emmett, Hollingsworth, Raymond, Souter, Grey, Shields, Whittemore, Lake.

The Orchestra was composed of:—

First Violins: Mr. T. G. Flynn, Lance Corporal Spiegelhalter.

Second Violins: Mr. F. C. Barlow, Q.M. Sergt. Jenkins, R.E. Cellist: Mr. G. S. Archibald, Bandsman Cranleigh.

Double Bass: Bugle Major Johnson.

Flute: Mr. J. D. Osmond.

Oboe: Mr. W. Anderson.

Clarinet Band Sergt. Ware.

Cornets: Trumpet Major Elliott, R.G.A. Bandsman Kelly.

Trombone: Corporal George.

Tympani, Side Drum, etc.: Lance Corporal Ervine.

Piano: Mrs. Adams.

Apart from those on the stage, special mention should be made of the work of Mr. John Robertson, who not only designed the scenery and the effects, but was responsible for the production. The other officials were: Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. G. Worcester; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. T. Beath; and Business Manager, Mr. A. Chapman; while the Committee consisted of Messrs. G. A. Caldwell, A. Chapman, R. Sutherland, H. W. Bird, C. T. Beath, W. G. Worcester, J. Robertson, H. W. Looker and C. P. Lammett.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE TOERANGIE RUBBER COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of this Company was held yesterday at the offices of the Company. Mr. A. Denison presided, and there were also present: Mr. C. D. Wilkinson and Mr. W. G. Humphreys (directors), Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., Mr. G. Wilks, Mr. H. J. Gedge, Mr. Evan Ormiston, Mr. P. Loureiro, Mr. J. W. Taylor and Mr. E. A. M. Williams (Secretary).

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, it may appear to some of you rather strange that you should now be asked to consider practically the same resolution as that which was brought forward for your consideration not many weeks ago, and was not then approved. But you will remember that, on that occasion, the Chairman of the meeting stated that little or nothing was then known of the Company (named at the time the Rubber Investment Trust) by which the offer under consideration was made, but information concerning the Company would doubtless be received in course of time, and when received it might cause the members to alter the views they then held. Such information has now been received, and we are told by our Visiting Agents in Sumatra that the Rubber Investment Trust (the proper name of which is the Rubber Plantations Investment Trust, Limited) is a Company well known in Sumatra, where it has been instrumental in furthering the prosperity and interests of other Companies; and we gather that the view is held in Sumatra that the Company is likely to be of equal use to us as would have been the U.L.P.C. had the scheme propounded by the directors of the latter Company been carried out. We further ascertained that the raising of more capital within a short time hence was absolutely essential for the purpose of properly developing our property, and was particularly needed if we desired to continue the cultivation of tobacco, an undertaking which is much favoured by our visiting agents, and Sumatra shareholders, by whom it is considered likely to be most profitable.

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offer at all, unless its directors considered the proposition to be an excellent one for that Company; and, after all, we benefit to a much greater extent than if we paid up the balance due in respect of our shares, and raised more capital by the issue of new shares to strangers outside the Company. Moreover, we shall be able to rest content hereafter with the knowledge that our property is well looked after by those eminently capable of managing it, and that it is not likely to suffer for want of the capital required to make the Company a good dividend paying concern within a short space of time. With these remarks, gentlemen, I beg to move the following resolution:

"That the directors be authorised to conclude a contract with the Rubber Plantations Investment Trust, Limited, for the sale of the property and assets of the Company to a new Company to be formed and registered in London by or under the auspices of the Rubber Plantations Investment Trust Limited, upon the same terms (modified or otherwise as regards the existing options) as by the resolution of the Company passed on the 22nd November last, and confirmed on the 9th December last, it was resolved to sell the said property and assets to a new Company to be formed by or under the auspices of the United Lankat Plantations Company, Limited (the name of the Rubber Plantations Investment Trust, Limited, being substituted for that of the United Lankat Plantations Company, Limited, in such terms); with the addition thereto that options on 6,000 shares in the new Company to be formed be given or in lieu thereof that 1,000 fully paid up shares in such new Company be issued to the Rubber Plantations Investment Trust, Limited, or its nominees; and upon such other terms as the directors shall deem expedient."

Mr. EVAN ORMISTON, in seconding, quoted from the report of the proceedings at the meeting of U.L.P.C. shareholders when the scheme was considered in order to show that the directors of one of the most solid and influential companies were very strongly of opinion that it would be highly advantageous to their own Company to do that which the Rubber Plantations Investment Company now offered to do. The scheme was abandoned by the U.L.P.C. at the request of the Dutch shareholders, who were averse to the Company spending £40,000 of its funds in the manner proposed. Mr. Ormiston said he was of opinion that it would be to the Company's interest to accept the offer.

Mr. M. SLADE, K.C., said he was not opposing the proposition as recommended by the directors, although he could not say that he entirely approved of it. He thought he was voicing the opinions of a number of shareholders when he said that had their directors been a little more astute in the negotiations, or their agent, Mr. Gray, not been hampered in his bar-gainings by the fact that he was a director in the Rubber Trust, the Company which was going to have the great advantage, they would have been able to get a much better bargain. The price they were going to pay, was, in his opinion, considerably too high, but they would nevertheless obtain a great advantage. Therefore, he thought that the shareholders would do well to ratify the decision of the directors.

Mr. Slade discussed the option of shares at considerable length and proposed the following amendment to the resolution put by the Chairman:—

"That the directors be at liberty, and they are hereby authorised, to enter into an agreement (by their duly constituted attorney) for the sale and disposition of the undertaking and assets of the Company to a new Company to be formed in London by or under the auspices of the Company, which is to be the Rubber Plantations Investment Trust, Limited, upon the following terms:—

1.—That the capital of the new Company may be £150,000.

2.—That the shareholders in this Company receive a fully paid-up £1 share in the new Company for each share 1s. 6d. paid-up in this Company.

3.—That the holders of the 3,700 fully paid-up shares in this Company receive a similar number of fully paid-up £1 shares in the new Company.

4.—That the holders of the existing options on 8,000 shares in this Company be granted similar rights in respect of 8,000 shares in the new Company.

5.—That 6,400 fully paid-up £1 shares in the new Company be issued to the Rubber Plantations Investment Trust, Limited, or its nominees, in consideration whereof the said Rubber Plantations Investment Trust, Limited, will pay all legal and other expenses in connection with the promotion and flotation of the new Company, and the transfer thereto of the undertaking and assets of this Company.

6.—That the said Rubber Plantations Investment Trust, Limited, will take up and pay, or procure subscriptions, for 40,000 shares of £1 each in the new Company, so as to provide at least £40,000 additional working capital for the new Company.

7.—Such other terms, whether in addition to or in substitution for the foregoing, not being inconsistent with, or less advantageous to, the Company than the foregoing, as the Directors or their duly constituted attorney in their discretion shall think fit.

The amendment was carried unanimously.

SHANGHAI'S CORONATION CELEBRATION FUND.

A statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the "Coronation Celebration Fund" at Shanghai, has been published showing a balance on hand of £1s. 8s. 39s. 6d. Subscribers of over £1s. 10s. (or its equivalent in dollars) who had been promised a refund, pro rata, of any surplus available, have now generously consented to allow the balance to be given to local charity. The Finance Committee, therefore, with their permission, have divided up the surplus amongst various Institutions. The money which has been given out of the surplus Coronation Fund towards private nursing is to be used to assist in the organization of certified private nurses in Shanghai by a system of registration and other aids to employment. It is hoped that permission will be obtained to call the Association by Queen Mary's name as indicating its present origin.

"MY REMINISCENCES."

[By SUN YAT SEN.]

(Continued from yesterday.)

I could tell many stories connected with the rewards placed upon my head. All men were not, I am sorry to say, like this one. Some really would have wished to earn the reward if they could—but my friends saved me. Once I was kept in one house six weeks without stirring from my room. At another time I was living with a fisherman in a small cabin on the outskirts of Canton, when I was told that two soldiers had been ordered to take their place in a little grove near by and shoot me on sight. I was made aware of the danger and kept in the house for two days. Then I was told that the two soldiers themselves had been shot.

But in a way my most extraordinary experience was in Canton, when two young officials came themselves to capture me. I was in my room at night and in my shirt-sleeves, reading and looking over my papers. The two men opened the door. They had a dozen soldiers outside. When I saw them I calmly took up one of the sacred books and began to read aloud. They listened for a time, and after a while one of them spoke, and asked a question. I answered it, and they asked others. Then ensued a long argument, and I stated my case and the case of the thousands who thought as I did at full length as well as I could. At the end of two hours the two men went away, and I heard them saying in the street, "That is not the man we want. He is a good man, and spends his life healing the sick."

I estimate that the rewards upon my head once amounted altogether to not less than seven hundred thousand taels (one hundred thousand pounds sterling). In these circumstances, I have been asked why I have gone about in London so freely and taken so few precautions. My answer is that my life now is of little consequence, for there are plenty to take my place. Ten years ago, if I had been assassinated or carried back to China for execution, the cause would have suffered. Now the organization I have spent so much time in bringing about is complete.

At the close of the Boxer rebellion I returned to America. There was one thing I wanted more than troops and arms—without which I saw I could have neither, and that was money. Not the money in quantities I had been receiving here and there—but at least half a million sterling. Anything less than this would be failure. Now began a new role for me—a canvass for political funds. In this capacity I travelled in every city in America, and I visited all the leading bankers in Europe. Emissaries sent by me penetrated into all quarters. Some professed to act for me and in my name proved faithless. But I prefer not to speak of these—although one man is now universally denounced as a traitor to his cause and act openly in concert with me. But I said to his messenger:—

"Go back to your master and tell him I have not laboured fifteen years and suffered so many perils to be tricked so easily. Tell his Excellency I can wait. *Tien ming wu chang!*"

If I had trusted Yuan's messenger the revolution would have happened sooner, and I should now be in Peking. For I can count upon millions of followers. They will follow me to the death, as they have long followed my teachings.

The greatest advance the revolutionary moment has made was when we enjoyed the favour of the late Emperor before he was put under restraint by the Dowager Empress. At that time many thousands of young Chinamen obtained permission to leave China and travel about the world, studying European customs and institutions. Ninety per cent. of these became infected with revolutionary ideas. I used to meet them by scores wherever I went. They had heard of me, and were anxious to exchange ideas with me. When they went back they soon began to leave the whole of China.

Whether I am to be the titular head of all China, or to work in conjunction with another, and that other Yuan Shih Kai, is of no importance to me. I have done my work; the wave of enlightenment and progress cannot now be stayed, and China—the country in the world most fitted to be a republic, because of the industrious and docile character of the people—will, in a short time, take her place amongst the civilized and liberty-loving nations of the world.

SUN YAT SEN.

violent ones if necessary, in order to be treated with justice and to establish peace in the Far East and throughout the world. We mean to go through with what we have begun—no matter how much blood will be spilt.

A new Government, an enlightened and progressive Government, must be substituted for the old one. When that has been done, China will not only be able to free herself from her troubles, but also may be able to deliver other nations from the necessity of defending their independence and integrity. Among the Chinese there are many of high culture who, we believe, are able to undertake the task of forming a new Government. Carefully-thought-out plans have been made for a long time for transforming the old Chinese monarchy into a republic.

The masses of the people are ready to receive a new form of Government. They wish for a change of their political and social conditions, in order to escape from the deplorable conditions of life prevailing at present. The country is in a state of tension. It is like a forest of dry wood, and it needs only the slightest spark to set fire to it. The people are ready to drive the Tartars out. They will come over as soon as the revolutionary force has gained a footing in South China. The seven divisions around Peking are the entire creation of Yuan Shih Kai. Since he has been degraded the loyalty of these troops to the Peking Government is greatly diminished.

Though no arrangement has been made between them and us, we strongly believe that they will not fight for the Manchu Government, and there is another division in Manchuria which is commanded by a revolutionary general, who can be depended upon to co-operate against Peking when the time comes.

As to the navy, though hitherto no arrangement for support has been made, an understanding can be easily concluded if sufficient funds for the

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By Order,
E. R. HALLIFAX,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1912. [488]

THE PHOENIX CLUB, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
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together with a Statement of Accounts for the
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By Order of the
GENERAL COMMITTEE.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1912. [489]

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THE DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The following is *The Times* report of the recent discussion on the above subject in the House of Lords:-

The Earl of Selborne rose to ask the Order-Secretary for the Colonies to explain the meaning of Colonel Seely's statement in the House of Commons of July 13, and of Mr. Harcourt's statement of November 16 last year, that "a Governorship lies quite outside of the ordinary course of promotion in the Colonial Service," and to move for papers. He said that he represented the Colonial Office in that House for five years, and afterwards had the honour of being a Colonial Governor. He therefore had the opportunity of making a great many friends in the Colonial Service, and knew what their thoughts were concerning that Service. The words that he had quoted were very extraordinary and required some explanation. Did the question mean that in the Colonial Service, as in all other services, there was a neck to the bottle and that only a very small proportion of those who entered the Service could hope to become Governors, or that the Secretary of State reserved to himself the right to recommend to the Crown for appointment as Governor some gentleman who had never previously been in the Colonial Service? He did not think that it could mean that, but if it did the method of expressing that sentiment was infelicitous. He did not for a moment contend that it should be the practice of the Colonial Office never to make appointments to Governorships from outside the Colonial Service, but it was a very long step from that admission to the words of Colonel Seely. Practically speaking the Colonies, in the sense of this question, were the Crown Colonies, comprising the Eastern, West Indian, and West and East Africa groups, and a group of Protectorates embraced in the geographical area of the Union of South Africa. In all these Colonies there was a body of officers who entered the Service as boys or very young men, who had borne the burden and heat of Colonial service often under very trying conditions of climate, and who were looking forward to promotion one day. He asked the House to think what must be the effect on them of reading the words of the mouthpiece of the Secretary of State. There never was a moment when it was more important than now to get the best class of young men to work in these Crown Colonies, and what East and West Africa suffered from was that the inducements to enter that Service had not been sufficient. What would the home Civil Service say if they were told that the headship of a Department was quite outside of the ordinary promotion, or if the same was said with regard to the Foreign Office and Ambassadorships, or with regard to soldiers and the rank of general? If these words stood as they were, if they were not explained, they would be the ruin of the Colonial Service. He was not exaggerating when he said that these answers of Mr. Harcourt and Colonel Seely had produced absolute dismay throughout the length and breadth of the Service. (Hear, hear.) As he had said, he did not suggest that these appointments should never be taken outside the Service, but he did say that, having regard to the fact that a large number of Governorships, such as those of Australia and South Africa, once within the reach of the Colonial Services, had now passed outside its reach, the practice should be less frequent in the future than in the past.

VISCOUNT KNUTSFORD, speaking with a long experience of the Colonial Office, first as Legal Adviser and Assistant Secretary, and from 1897 to 1892 as Colonial Secretary, expressed his entire concurrence with what the noble earl had said. He could only hope that Mr. Harcourt's words had been misconstrued, for the experience in his time was that a Governorship laid quite within the ordinary course of promotion in the Colonial Office and was looked upon, unless there were any very special circumstances for departing from the ordinary course, as the reward of work which had been done often at the risk of life. He knew, from communications which he had received, that Mr. Harcourt's words had, as his noble friend had said, created absolute dismay in the Service. Unless it was the wish of the noble lord who represented the Colonial Office to destroy the spirit of the Service and to lessen the hopes, and therefore the good work, of the members of the Service, he must change the language of Mr. Harcourt.

LORD EMMOTT, who referred to the noble earl as a brilliant example of the choice of a man outside the Service, and as having fulfilled the duties of the most difficult and responsible Colonial post of his time in a way which had won the admiration of political friends and opponents alike, said he had brought forward cogent arguments in support of his view and had dealt with the question on broad grounds of public interest. The complete answer which Mr. Harcourt gave to Mr. Lyttelton was as follows:—A Governorship lies outside the ordinary course of promotion both in the Colonial Office and in the Colonial Service. I see no reason for reconsidering or modifying the present practice, and I can assure the right hon. gentleman that the claims of the Service are fully considered whenever a Governorship becomes vacant, my only object being to get the best available man." He thought the noble earl had attached too much importance to the earlier, and too little importance to the qualifications in the latter, part of the reply. Mr. Harcourt clearly signified in the latter part that no change in practice had been made, was being made, or would be made. He was sorry and greatly surprised that such a cloud of suspicion as had been described seemed to have arisen from the answer of the Colonial Secretary. If, as had been asserted, the phrase to which attention had been directed had spread dismay in the Colonial Service, the noble earl had done good service in bringing the matter forward. He hoped to blow away the cloud of suspicion. He could state in the most categorical way that no change had been made or would be made in the direction of appointing outsiders instead of those who were already members of the Colonial Service when Governorships were vacant.

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(Hear, hear.) Indeed, he could give their lordships some particulars which would show that the present or any other Colonial Secretary who had been connected with the present Government had appointed fewer Colonial Governors from outside than were appointed, say, during the time that the Earl of Selborne was Under-Secretary for the Colonies. Prior to 1895 the proportion of outsiders appointed was greater than it had been since that year. During the five years 1895-1900 the outside appointments made were those of Sir West Ridgeway, who had been Governor of the Isle of Man, to the Governorship of Ceylon; Sir H. Murray, who was Chairman of the Board of Customs, to Newfoundland; Mr. Sterndale, a retired member of the Indian Civil Service, to St. Helena; and Sir M. Nathan, who was sent to Sierra Leone and afterwards was appointed Governor of the Gold Coast. Sir M. Nathan was secretary of the Colonial Defence Committee at the time of his appointment. Omitting, as he thought he must, the appointments to Australia, South Africa, and Canada, and to the military Governorships, the only appointment which appeared to have been made from outside the Colonial Service, and only in exceptional circumstances was outsiders appointed.

The MARQUESS OF CREWE said it was a matter for congratulation that the question had been put by the noble earl, assuming that the answer given by the Colonial Secretary in another place was badly expressed, and that the meaning which had been read into it by an enormous number of members of the Colonial Service was not justified. During the time that he was at the Colonial Office as private secretary to Mr. Chamberlain the practice was to inform the applicants for appointments that Colonial Governorships were reserved in the ordinary course for members of the Colonial Service, and only in exceptional circumstances were outsiders appointed.

The MARQUESS OF CREWE said it was a matter for congratulation that the question had been put by the noble earl, assuming that the answer given by the Colonial Secretary in another place had been misunderstood. His right hon. friend had not proposed to alter what had been the custom for a number of years. When a vacancy occurred the list of those standing high for promotion was considered carefully in relation to the particular duties which would be required of the Governor of a particular Colony. When that process had been gone through, if there was no one who appeared to be entirely suitable for the post, the Colonial Secretary looked elsewhere. Speaking generally, those who had to recommend appointments to Mr. Chamberlain looked outside the Service for Australian appointments. It was also true that South African Governorships had disappeared from the Service altogether. He did not think the position was misunderstood in the Service.

The EARL OF SELBORNE.—He was in the Colonial Office at the time of his appointment.

LORD EMMOTT, resuming, said the only appointments made by the present Government were those of Sir P. Girouard, who was Commissioner of Railways in South Africa and had special experience of railway construction, to the Governorship of Northern Nigeria, and Sir S. Olivier, who was a principal clerk in the Colonial Office from 1904 until 1907 and had been Colonial Secretary in Jamaica from 1900 until 1904, and was sent out in 1907 as Governor of Jamaica. Those were not strictly appointments from outside the Colonial Service. The only appointment made by the present Colonial Secretary was that of Major Chancellor to Mauritius last year. Just before he came to the House he had placed in his hands a copy of *The Times* of December 2nd last, in which there appeared a letter on the same subject, written by Sir F. Swettenham containing the following passage:—"It is not only that the men who enter the Colonial Service early, by the narrow gate of severe competitive examination, are to stand aside for military officers, who have been educated at Woolwich and elsewhere to perform entirely different duties, but this *dictum* that Governorships stand apart—opens the door to every kind of jobbery; and when the Secretary of State suggests, as he did recently in the case of British Guiana, that the salary of a Governor should be raised in order that he may be able to put in the post a really suitable man, he gives us furious

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The Handicap Class started at 1.5 p.m., and the course was North Fairway Buoy (star.), Trocas Rock Buoy (star.), Mark Boat on starting line (port), Kowloon Rock (star.), Channel Rocks (star.) and home; in all 13 miles. The weather, which for some time past had been damp and miserable, was considerably brighter on Saturday. The wind, which was from the north-east in the eastern portion of the harbour, was westerly in the western portion.

Five boats competed, viz.:—*Dione*, *Iris*, *Colleen*, *Dorothea* and *Kathleen*. A fresh breeze carried them to off Tsimtsiatstau, where they were becalmed, but *Dione* and *Colleen*, skilfully sailed, successfully negotiated the calm and rounded the North Fairway Buoy ahead of the rest. *Dione* heading *Colleen* by about half a minute. On the reach to Trocas Rock Buoy *Dione* hauled up close to Stonecutters and gained considerably by so doing, and when she reached the Mark Boat on the starting line was some ten minutes ahead of *Colleen*, *Dorothea* and *Kathleen* bringing up the rear. On rounding the Mark Boat, *Dione* carried away her mainsheet, but this was quickly repaired and she completed her course, and won the race easily. *Colleen* was second, *Dorothea* third and *Kathleen* fourth. *Iris* gave up.

In the One Design Class three boats started, viz.:—*Bonito II*, *Daphne*, and *Haley*. The course was North Fairway Buoy (star.), Mark Boat on starting line (port), Kowloon Rock (star.), Channel Rocks (star.).

The start was made at 1.15 p.m. These boats also encountered the calm off Tsimtsiatstau, *Bonito* strung out a long lead and maintained her advantage throughout.

Daphne rounded the Mark Boat on starting line slightly ahead of *Haley*, but before the Dock Point was reached *Haley* had passed into second place. She could not, however, get anywhere near *Bonito*, who won very easily.

Four dinghies started at 2.30 p.m.—One, No. 3, about half an hour late; the others were *Jean*, *Sprite* and No. 5. The course was Cust Rocks Buoy (star.), Kowloon Rock (star.). *Sprite* made a good race of it and won comfortably. *Jean* second, No. 5 third and No. 3 gave up.

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Bonito II 4 49 45

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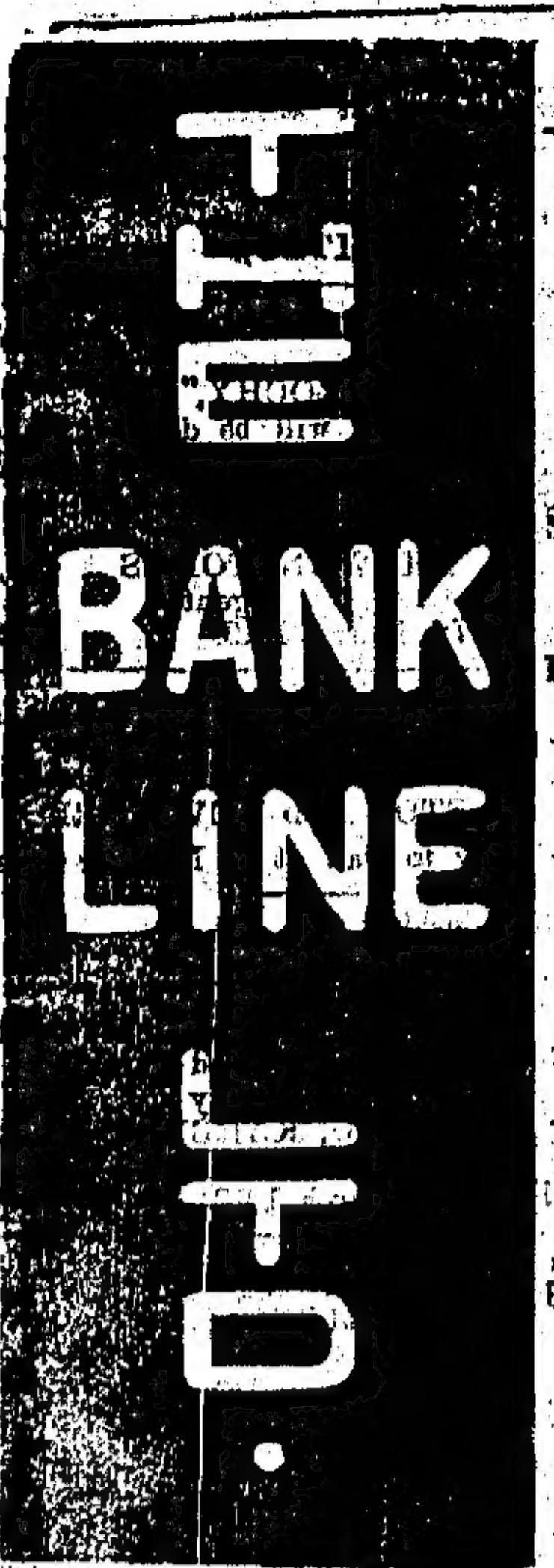
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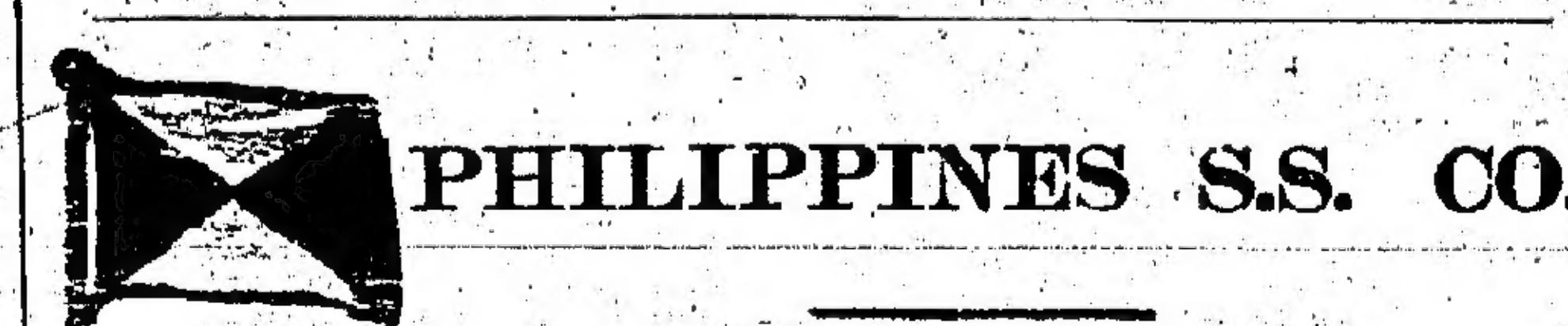
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ZAFIRO ...	4,000	M. C. Smith ...	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	On 1st Apr., 4 P.M.
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STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJITAROEM	JAVA	—	JAPAN	Second half of March.
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TJILIWONG	JAVA	Second half of March.	JAPAN	Second half of March.
TJIPANAS ...	JAVA	—	JAVA	First half of April.
TJILATJAP...	JAVA	Second half of March.	SHANGHAI	First half of April.
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POST OFFICE NOTICE

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended: Hupeh, Hunan and Tengyueh.
The Lutze, with the German Mail, left Singapore on Sunday, the 17th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day.
The Korea, with the American Mail, left Manila on Wednesday, the 20th inst., and is due to arrive here to-day.

The China, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here on Sunday, the 24th inst.

FOR	PER	DATE
Amoy ...	Friday, 22nd, 8.00 A.M.	
Swatow ...	Friday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.	
Dalny ...	Friday, 22nd, NOON	
Macao ...	Friday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.	
Shanghai ...	Friday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.	
	Printed Matter and Samples ...	4.00 P.M.
	Registration ...	3.15 P.M.
	(Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 4.00 P.M.)	
	Registration, Kowloon B.O. ...	3.00 P.M.
	No late fee Letters ...	5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI MOJI NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKO-HAMA, VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER (E.C.)	Montague ...	
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE		
Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Angaur, Yap, Maron, Fiderich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabon, Herbertscho, Matapi, Samarai, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle ...	Prins Sigismund ...	Saturday, 23rd, 8.00 A.M.
Takao ...	Shinchiku Maru ...	Saturday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Kindat and Sandakan ...	Borneo ...	Saturday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore and Bombay ...	Cagri ...	Saturday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Taungtaw and Tantau ...	Chinhing ...	Saturday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calenta ...	Arratoon Apes ...	Saturday, 23rd, NOON
Manil, Cebu and Iloilo ...	Yuenang ...	Saturday, 23rd, 1.00 P.M.
Macao ...	Sui Tai ...	Saturday, 23rd, 1.15 P.M.
Amoy and Shanghai ...	Triboda ...	Saturday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama ...	Hadosan Maru ...	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai ...	Choyang ...	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Haliphong (Taking Mails for Pakhoi) ...	Sungkiang ...	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai ...	Linan ...	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Daiji Maru ...	Sunday, 24th, 6.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui ...	Harang ...	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Sui Tai ...	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao ...	Japs ...	Monday, 25th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji ...	Loongmoan ...	Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Samrang, Sourabaya and Macassar ...	Namur ...	Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, YOKAICHI, SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKAICHI, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, E.C., and SEATTLE, (WASH.) ...	Tumba Maru ...	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow ...	Hoinun ...	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO ...	Persia ...	Tuesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE		

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 21st.

On LONDON—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/11
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/11
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/11
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/11
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/11
	Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/11
On PARIS—		244
	Bank Bills, on demand	244
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	2481
On GERMANY—		198
	On demand	198
On NEW YORK—		47
	Bank Bills, on demand	47
	Credits, at 60 days' sight	48
On BOMBAY—		143
	Telegraphic Transfer	143
	Bank, on demand	143
On CALCUTTA—		143
	Telegraphic Transfer	143
	Bank, on demand	143
On SHANGHAI—		72
	Bank, at sight	72
	Private, 30 days' sight	72
On YOKOHAMA—		34
	On demand	34
On MANILA—		941
	On demand	941
On SINGAPORE—		323
	On demand	323
On BATAVIA—		116
	On demand	116
On HAIPHONG—		7, p.m.
	On demand	7, p.m.
On SAIGON—		3
	On demand	3
On BANGKOK—		804
	Overseas, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.30
	GOLD LIMA, 100 fine, per tael	\$53.90
	BAR SILVER, per oz.	2618

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Chinese 10 "	\$7.70
Hongkong 10 "	\$7.42
Hongkong 10 "	\$7.50

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London ...	Due
	Shanghai
February 28th.	March 15th.
March 2nd.	March 19th.

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS. HONGKONG, MARCH 21ST, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$880, sales (London £233)
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$4.50, buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$1.20
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$7
COTTON MILLS—				
Ewo Cotton Spinn'g. & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 91
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$74	all	\$204, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARFS—				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$57, sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$6	all	\$43, buyers
New Azmy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$6	all	\$7
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 56
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 57
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$221, sales
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$104, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$67, buyers
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	15,000	Pa. 10	all	Pa. 8
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	50,000	\$25	all	\$195
Hongkong Bone Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$17,000/17,500, sal.
Hongkong South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$7, buyers
INSURANCES—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$250	\$194
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$124, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$133	\$25	\$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	5,000	\$250	\$50	\$332
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	25	Tls. 150
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,000	\$250	\$100	\$150
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$210, Bx 73
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$100, buyers
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$63, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$34, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	\$50	all	\$54, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	Tls. 73, sales
Mandoohippi tot Mijen, Bosch-an Landbau exploitation in Langkat ...	25,000	Gds. 10	all	
MINING—				
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all	\$3/-
Trough Mines, Limited	160,000	\$1	all	72/-, buyers
Heawood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	715,280	2/-	all	5/3
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	240,000	2/-	all	\$430, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$21, sales
60,000 pref.	\$5	all	all	£10, London £25 17s 6d
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000	\$1	all	95/5, x rights
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$21, buyers
10,000	\$10	all	all	\$17/
6,000	\$25	all	all	22
REFINERIES—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$107, buyers
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all</td	